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PLAN TO PROMOTE TEXTILE TRADE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India plans number of measures after the expiry of the agreement on textile and clothing which may help globally in clothing and textile markets;

(b) if so, whether India-Pakistan-Nepal -Bangladesh-Sri Lanka are much more efficient producers than India and China;

(c) if so, to what extent the Indian Government proposes to improve its position; and

(d) if so, extent to which steps have helped India in comparison to the neighbouring countries to fully compete globally on the textile issue ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) to (d) : The global trading environment in the textiles and clothing sector is likely to become more competitive with the expiry of the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing from 1 January, 2005. Indian exporters in this sector have also been facing stiff competition from various low-cost supplying countries including Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The Government has been taking suitable steps, from time to time, which have enabled the Indian exporters in this sector to meet the emerging challenges of global trade. These include various initiatives aimed at facilitating the modernization of technology in this sector, manpower development and providing suitable infrastructure at important textile centers. Certain fiscal measures and incentive schemes have also been implemented for the benefit of the domestic textile and clothing industry.